

NIKLASON et al
Appl. No. 10/074,250
June 30, 2008

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

All of the previously pending claims have been cancelled and new claims 29 and 30 have been added in lieu thereof. That new claims have been substituted for those previously pending should not be taken as an indication that Applicants agree with any view expressed by the Examiner, including the Examiner's apparent view that the phrase "inhibiting progression of" is necessarily equivalent to "preventing". Rather, the new claims have been substituted for those previously pending in order to place this case in condition for allowance. In this regard, note is made of the voice mail message that the Examiner left for the undersigned on June 24, 2008 indicating that claims drawn to the subject matter of new claims 29 and 30 would be allowable and the further telephonic interview of June 26, 2008 during which the Examiner again acknowledged the allowability of such claims. The Examiner's Summary of the June 26, 2008 interview correctly indicates that amendments to the claims were discussed to put the case in condition for allowance. The Examiner also indicated that the case would be allowable if a response to the January 28, 2008 Action were to be filed in which only claims corresponding to new claims 29 and 30 were presented.

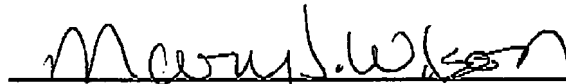
Accordingly, with the foregoing claim amendments, it is submitted that this case is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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